

FRIDAY FLYER
THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY
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INCLEMENT WEATHER - In case of school closing or schedule changes do to weather, please check your e-mail as well as calling the Academy. There will be a recorded message after 7 a.m. regarding any changes.

ENROLLMENT - New students have joined the Academy family! An updated enrollment list will be sent home. Please keep this important information with your directory.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND – Thanks to all who volunteered and helped to create a successful scholarship for a Children's Academy student to continue their Montessori education. The raffle proceeds were in the amount of \$175 and the winner, Mrs. Galm, donated her winnings of \$120 back to the fund. The bake sale proceeds were \$383 and cash donations were received in the amount of \$400. The total for the scholarship was in the amount of \$1078.

FLU CLINIC SCHEDULE – The Westfield Regional Health Department has four scheduled flu clinics in our area. The children will be bringing home a sheet which details the times and places the clinics are available to all who might be interested.

THANK YOUto Mr. and Mrs. Nettune for their cash donation to the book fair fund. The profits were in the amount of \$387. This money will be added to our Christmas gift to purchase new equipment in the spring.

THANK YOUto the "Class of 2009" for their school donation in the amount of \$961.43. This money has been used to purchase new cubbies for the Transitional room and the balance will be added to our gift money to also purchase new equipment.

THANK YOUto Kennedy for the delicious cookies, that she baked for the teachers. They each took one home to enjoy after dinner!

THANK YOUto Michael M. for the special Holiday stockings he made for all his classmates. The gifts were a great surprise!

THANK YOU.... to Penelope for the subscription to "Animal Babies" for the Little Room. This is a wonderful publication and we welcome the opportunity to share it with the children.

THANK YOU ... to Marco for the color matching puzzle. This puzzle reviews both secondary and tertiary colors allowing identification of colors through familiar objects.

THANK YOU TO PACA FOR THE WONDERFUL GIFTS FOR THE TEACHERS AND THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY

The generous gifts were appreciated by all!

SNACK – Thank you to Marco and Matthew for sharing snack with his friends.

BIRTHDAY – Happy Birthday to Alanya!

LITTLE ROOM - Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Simmons - We send a big Academy welcome to our newest students in the Little Room, Reilly who joined the three day class and Kendall, Davey, Lylah and Anthony who have joined us in the two day class.

We begin the New Year with the color of the month – blue, the shape – rectangle and the number 5.

PRACTICAL LIFE – Mitten wearing and matching and the zipper dressing frame were shown.

LANGUAGE – At reading time we have been discussing the components of a book. New words introduced were book jacket, title, author and illustrator.

SENSORIAL – The color matching puzzle gifted by Marco was added to our shelves as well as a “tee” bowl. The “tee” bowl develops both hand eye coordination as well as finger and hand strength.

MATH – The sandpaper number 5 was introduced.

TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Bottiglieri – The Transitional room welcomes, Victoria to our morning program. We are happy that she has joined us!

This month we will be learning about the planets and outer space. This week we found out that Earth is not the only planet in our solar system.

LANGUAGE- Our new activity is letter games. This is a fun way to learn beginning sounds and practice important social skills such as waiting our turn and playing fairly. The “r” paper, books and worksheet were also shown.

PRACTICAL LIFE-Table setting and napkin rolling were added to our shelf this week. Both activities foster independence as well as small motor skills.

SENSORIAL- Our new activities were the constructive triangles and sound cylinders. The constructive triangles teach the children to build three isosceles triangles using many different shaped triangles. The sound cylinders help the children discriminate between slight variations in sound.

MATH – Number trees and counting pencils were shown. Both activities reinforce number recognition, counting and quantities.

CULTURAL- Our new activity was planet placement. The children organize our planets in order from Mercury to the dwarf planet Pluto, using a control of error paper.

ART- The children created snowmen from construction paper and craft stuffing. The children are happy that these snowmen will never melt away! Rocket cutting was added to the art shelf to practice cutting skills.

SOUND OF THE WEEK – For the week of: “n as in nest

BIG ROOM – Mrs. Sarno, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Dixon and Mrs. Gerst - The Academy welcomes Sophia, who has joined the Big Room morning program. We are very happy to have her with us!

PRACTICAL LIFE – Our scraper activity will improve our fine motor skills while preparing us for winter ice and snow. Our new food activity is banana slicing. We discussed the importance of washing our hands before handling food. Once our hands are clean, we can peel our bananas, slice them and serve them to our friends. The pushpin snowman and eye dropper activities are promoting eye hand coordination, pincer grip and fine motor skills. The lacing cards have been added to the art shelf and when completed may go home with the children.

LANGUAGE – Our red shelf is filling up! Our new white baskets include: three letter word cards, set#2 rhyming cards, word/picture cards and green wooden nouns. All of the activities will enhance the child's independent reading work.

SENSORIAL – The triangle and hand bells were introduced from our instrument basket. They enhance our ability to hear sound differences. The parquetry tiles used geometric configuration as well as creativity. The opposite cards enabled us to match concepts. The large color tablet box used our visual sorting skills through grading color. This week our tasting was pears and peaches. Both were popular.

MATH – New activities presented this week were math symbol sorting, football counting, penguin counting, train counting, snowman stamping and plane dot-to-dot. The introduction to money has been show, we learned about coins and their quantities.

SOCIAL STUDIES – This week we talked about our great state, New Jersey. We learned what our state bird, flower, tree, animal, symbol and flag are. We had a lot of fun reading and learning many new and interesting facts about New Jersey.

SCIENCE – Winter is here and so are those freezing temperatures. Our on-going experiment involves placing various liquids outdoors and observing the results. Are all liquids the same? We also discussed weather in general. Rain, wind, snow, hail and clouds were all part of our lesson.

